



## Board Minutes

Acceso Spanish Language Advisory Board  
2<sup>nd</sup> meeting

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
Re: Vision – 3738 Morrison Rd., Denver, CO 80204

**Acceso Board Members Present:** Maria Jose T., Maite L., Vallerie B., Marisa K., and Paola G.

**Not present:** None

**OCR Staff:** Daniela A., Sonya U., Flaviano G.

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### 1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:20PM

### 2. Board Business

- a. Approve Minutes: February 1, 2025

**MOTION by Maria Jose Board Member.**

**Second by Vallerie Board Member.**

**Moved to approve. All in favor.**

- b. Acceso Chair and Vice Chair 2025

- i. Muni code outlines leadership within Acceso, which requires a vote into a chair and vice chair.

- ii. We would love to create a leadership pipeline of:

1. 2-year terms

2. Using a transitional year to set up that leadership pipeline. Or creating a staggered approach. One new Vice chair role and previous Chair/Vice chair role to continue to stay on.

- iii. Acceso agrees with the staggered pipeline.

- iv. One-year special term for transitional year, that is Marisa is chair and Maite is Vice chair for 2025.

- a. Creating a policy within Acceso to put a leadership pipeline.

- b. Setting up the Vice chair to presume Chair in the next term.

**Chair: Marisa K. Vice-Chair: Maite**

**MOTION by Maria T. Board Member.**

**Second by Angelica G. Board Member.**

**Moved to approve. All in favor.**

- c. Board member updates

- i. Three members have officially resigned: Hilda G., Salvador H., and Erika

- ii. Acceso Application Microsoft Form has been removed from website.

1. Board will take a look at their own applications and will create a new form.

- iii. We can also promote Acceso flyer on OCR External Newsletter.

- iv. Recruitment Approach:



1. All board members to recruit anyone they might know or be interested. As a general callout and important skills.
  2. Targeting skills; college/university, DPS, high education, student advocacy, New Era CO, Latinas Rise Cafecito, HSI institutions, etc.
  3. Interest meeting that can be put on by the board.
- d. Acceso Goals: 2025 through 2027.
- i. Goal: Advance democracy through civic engagement and voter participation.
  - ii. Goal: Advance OCR's language access approach.
  - iii. Goal: Strengthen advocacy and ensure board compliance with Denver's municipal code.
  - iv. Goal: Engage with community through a culturally competent approach.
  - v. Discussion: Maite would like to strengthen connection between EAC and Acceso. Please let her know if there is anything Acceso should report at the EAC meetings.

**MOTION by Maite L. Board Member.**

**Second by Paola G. Board Member.**

**Moved to approve. All in favor.**

### **3. Data Collection and Mapping Needs**

- a. By law are required to have 1 bilingual judge at every VSPC location. Some sites like college campuses we have multiple. We use the pocket talks as backups if needed. Every single VSPC every single time has a bilingual judge.
- b. We bilingual staff at our front counter and on the Call Center team so if a voter comes in or calls, we can also assist them. These aren't required but we do hire bilingual candidates for these teams as well.
- c. Any data on:
  - i. How many bilingual election judges USE their language. Or estimated?
  - ii. How many times the pocket talk is being USED?
  - iii. How many times are the college campus election judges use their bilingual EJ?
    1. How many calls were in SPANISH or any other language?
    2. Can Acceso table at the Job Fair?
  - iv. Race/Ethnicity
    1. There is no data collected by OCR that tracks race/ethnicity.
    2. Are they folks from the community that are being hired for EJ? Or just because they speak Spanish?
    3. Could Acceso do exit survey for EJ who are bilingual EJ's? Get them to Acceso.



4. We could also look at VAN? Or see if it could be a grant funded opportunity.

#### 4. Legislative Updates

- a. Colorado Voting Rights Act – Senate Bill 001
  - i. If the SAVE Act passes, it would supersede COVRA.
  - ii. OCR is supporting COVRA.
  - iii. It is currently under consideration.
  - iv. Considerations under protections for LGBTQ+ voters, anti-discrimination efforts and focus where there could be liability. Expansion to securing the vote on tribal land. Helping to secure Confined Voting.
- b. Federal – SAVE Act
  - i. It has passed the House of Representatives still waiting on the Senate.
  - ii. Requiring proof of citizenship and that burden be on the voter as opposed to the election administration side or SOS.
    1. Currently all eligible voters must sign an affidavit on the VR form and our office runs that form through a federal database.
  - iii. Requires in person proof of citizenship
    1. In person – if passed it would likely eliminate online VR or Automatic VR (Driver license)
    2. Proof of citizenship – right now what is collected is Driver License, SSN, and affidavit.
      - a. However, this proof of citizenship would be passport or birth certificate with the name of legal name. Tribal ID or military ID would NOT work.
        - i. This would predominantly affect married woman.
        - ii. If any voters moved, update address, etc.
        - iii. 146 million American's do not have a passport. If you are young, low-income, no higher education, rural populations.

#### 5. Other Business.

- a. Upcoming Events
  - i. Cinco de Mayo en Westwood – May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. PRIDE Parade – June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Juneteenth Parade and Festival – June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. PRIDE marriage marathon – June 27<sup>th</sup>
- b. EAC meeting
  - i. August 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 1:30pm
  - ii. December 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 1:30pm

#### 6. Adjourn.